

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image receiver material ~~of the seal type~~ comprising:
 - a separator including a release sheet base material and a release agent layer provided ~~on~~ over one surface thereof; and
 - an image receiver sheet including a receiver sheet base material and an adhesive layer provided ~~on~~ over one surface thereof; wherein
 - said separator and the image receiver sheet are ~~layered~~ releasably attached from to each other, with the release agent layer of said separator facing the adhesive layer of said image receiver sheet;
 - said image receiver sheet being provided with a half-cut in a direction substantially perpendicular to ~~the a~~ feed/eject direction for a paper sheet of the image receiver material in a printer, and with a stress relaxing means ahead of formed adjacent said half-cut in said feed/eject direction.
2. (Currently Amended) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means is a dummy half-cut provided substantially parallel to said half-cut and provided in a direction substantially perpendicular to the feed/eject direction ~~for a paper sheet of the image receiver material in a printer.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The image receiver material according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the depths of said half-cut and the dummy half-cut are 100 to 150% of the thickness of the image receiver sheet; and

wherein ~~the a~~ width of said dummy half-cut is at least 40% of the width of the image receiver ~~material~~ sheet.

4. (Currently Amended) The image receiver material according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a dye receiver layer for receiving a dye transferred ~~on~~ upon being melted or sublimated by heat, or an ink receiver layer for receiving an ink, is formed ~~on~~ over a surface of ~~a receiver sheet base material of said~~ the image receiver sheet opposite to said adhesive layer of the image receiver sheet.

5. (Currently Amended) An image receiver material of the seal type comprising:
a separator including a release sheet base material and a release agent layer provided ~~on~~ over one surface thereof; and
an image receiver sheet including a receiver sheet base material and an adhesive layer provided ~~on~~ over one surface thereof; wherein
said separator and the image receiver sheet are layered releasably ~~from~~ attached to each other with the release agent layer of said separator facing the adhesive layer of said image receiver sheet;

said image receiver sheet being provided with a half-cut in a direction substantially perpendicular to the feed/eject direction for a paper sheet of the image receiver material in a printer, and with a dummy half-cut substantially parallel to said half-cut, the distance between said half-cut and the dummy half-cut being 2/1 to 1/10 of ~~the a~~ roll diameter of a smallest transport roll of the minimum diameter in said printer.

6. (Currently Amended) The image receiver material according to claim 5, wherein the depth of each of said half-cut and the dummy half-cut is 100 to 150% of the thickness of the image receiver sheet; and

wherein the width of said dummy half-cut is at least 40% of the image receiver ~~material sheet~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The image receiver material according to claim 5 or 6, wherein a dye receiver layer receiving a dye melted or sublimated by heat, or an ink receiver layer for receiving an ink, is formed ~~on the over a~~ surface of said ~~receiver sheet base material of~~ said image receiver sheet opposite to said adhesive layer of the image receiver sheet.

Please add the following new claim:

8. (New) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means comprises a dummy half-cut.

9. (New) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means comprises a dummy quarter-cut.

10. (New) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means comprises perforations.

11. (New) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means comprises a skim.